seriously reduce it's structural strength. Wood and wood-based products can be protected from the effects of wood destroying organisms by applying fungicides or insecticides, or both. Such treatments can greatly improve the service life of the wood product, especially for timbers with low natural durability, such as radiata pine and other softwood species.--

Please insert the following beginning on page 15 at line 2 of the specification.

--What is claimed is--

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